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The Daily Gazetteer.

Saturday, February 4 1738.

I Have commonly obſerved, that as the *Craftſman* has extraordinary Talents for Ridicule, ſo he always chuſes, with great Prudence and Propriety, ſuch Subjects as are naturally ludicrous in themſelves, and moſt proper to excite Mirth and Laughter: Accordingly a Fire having happen'd the other Day at the Houſe of Mr. *Basket*, he Rallies him very handſomely and agreeably upon it, and jokes upon God's Judgments with great Sprightlineſs and Ingenuity. *Well*, ſays he, very ſlily, *I wiſh this Fire may not be a juſt Judgment upon ſome Folks, for their wicked Deſigns againſt the Preſs, which to be ſure*, continues this arch Wag, *was never meant ſhould burn, but only to pin the Basket.* *

This is a ſtrain of Wit and Humour beyond the Reach of a Writer of ordinary Abilities; and I don't know which to admire moſt, the Juſtneſs of his Satyr, or the Delicacy of his Sentiment and Expreſſion; or whether he is more happy in the Choice of his Subject, or in his Manner of treating it: But what heightens the Mirth and Pleaſantry of it, is, that in the very ſame *Craftſman*, where this elegant Piece of innocent *Raillery* on Mr. *Basket* is inſerted, we are informed, *That the Printing Houſe which was burnt down, was very Grand, and the fineſt of the Kind in the World, and that the Loſs in the Whole amounted to* 20,000 *l.*

But if a ſingle Fire, or the burning down one Houſe only, could make him ſo exceedingly merry, how prodigiouſly muſt he have been delighted, if the whole Town had been reduced to Aſhes; and how would it have improved the Joke, if there had happen'd to have been a Peſtilence, an Earthquake, or a Famine, at the ſame time? Surely he would have half kill'd himſelf with the Conceit, if that had been the Caſe.

But to be ſerious, whatever this profligate Scribler may think of the Matter, there is ſomething ſo very indecent and ſhocking in his manner of treating this Misfortune of Mr. *Basket's*, that I dare ſay it muſt ſtir up the utmoſt Reſentment, Contempt, and Indignation againſt the Author. For there are ſome Accidents and Misfortunes, of which this of Fire is one of the Principal, is ſo dreadful in their own Nature, and to which at the ſame time, all Mankind are ſo continually expoſed, that whoever is viſited or afflicted with them, immediately becomes the Object of univerſal Pity and Concern; even thoſe who have all the other Avenues of their Hearts ſhut up againſt the Diſtreſſes and Calamities of others, feel upon theſe Occaſions ſome Emotions of Humanity, and accompany the unhappy Sufferers with their good Wiſhes at leaſt, if their Benevolence does not extend ſo far as to Succour and Relieve them.

But what Materials muſt that Man's Mind be compoſed of, who is not only inſenſible to ſuch Calamities when they fall upon others, but who even treats them lightly or ludicrouſly, and in the Wantonneſs of his Malice, makes them the Subject of his Mirth? Among all civilized People, Misfortunes and Sorrows have always been looked upon as Sacred; and it ſeldom happens, that the Face of Malice is ever ſeen, or the Voice of Reſentment ever heard where they are; for common Decency requires, that Malice and Reſentment ſhould retire, when Misfortunes and Sorrows approach; eſpecially ſuch as no Prudence could foreſee, and no Virtue could prevent.

But theſe are Principles and Rules of Acting, that is not to be expected Men void of all Love and Compaſſion for Mankind, ſhould govern themſelves by, for ſuch muſt a Man be, who can indulge his ſcurril Mirth, and diſport himſelf in low Quibbles and dull Buffoonery, with the Misfortune of a very worthy Perſon; and a Misfortune too as great and heavy as can well befall any Man. But the extream Folly of the Writer, renders his extream Malice intirely fruitleſs; and therefore what he has ſaid, can poſſibly prejudice nobody but himſelf.

* *The* Craftſman, Jan. 21.

IRELAND.

Belfaſt, Jan. 23. A Party of Robbers went lately to the Houſe of Mrs. Hamilton, a Widow Gentlewoman near this Place, the Family being in Bed: Mrs. Hamilton hearing a Noiſe got up, and opening a Window, to her ſurprize, found a Man on the Top of a Ladder, juſt ready to enter; but having good preſence of Mind, ſhe clapt both her Hands to his Breaſt and threw him down; and then alarming the Houſe, her Son, a Boy of 15 Years, aroſe and taking a Gun in his Hand, purſued the Rogues and ſhot after them; but being alone, returned back. Next Morning, by the Blood of one of the Rogues who was ſhot, they track'd them to a large River; into which it is thought the dead Body was thrown by his Fellows, for they could not trace him any further.

Dublin, Jan. 23. The Rev. and Hon. Mr. Francis Hamilton, Brother to the Right Hon. the Earl of Abercorn, is preſented by his Grace the Duke of Devonſhire to the Rectory of Dunleer, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Edward Molloy, deceaſed.

The inſolvent Debtors Bill is dropt in the Privy Council.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Angleſea is arrived in Town, in order to embark for England.

Laſt Saturday was married Francis Palmer, Eſq; of the County of Mayo, to Miſs Juliana Bellew, Daughter to Sir John Bellew, of the City of Dublin, Bart. deceas'd.

Laſt Week the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Limerick embark'd for England.

Laſt Tueſday died of a Spotted Fever, Whitfield Doyne, jun. Eſq; Second Examiner of the Court of Chancery, Son to Philip Doyne, Eſq; on Ormond's-Key.

On Wedneſday Night laſt, died of a Convulſion Fit, Mr. Ephraim Hand, a noted Scale-Maker in Pill-Lane.

Laſt Thurſday died of a Spotted Fever, Mr. Butler, Maſter of the York-Minſter Inn in Caple-ſtreet.

Yeſterday died of a Spotted Fever, Mr. Lamb, Pewterer in Caple-ſtreet.

The ſame Evening died the Rev. Mr. Enoch M'Mullen, at his Houſe in Dame-ſtreet. He was an excellent School-Maſter, and is very much lamented.

This Day a Soldier who lies under Sentence of Death for Deſertion, is to be Shot on Oxmantown-Green.

Next Tueſday the Parliament meets purſuant to their Adjournment.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, Jan. 31. Arrived the Ogden Galley, Crowder, from Jamaica, who came out the firſt of December, gives an Account of the following Ships arrived at Jamaica, viz. the Charming Sally of Briſtol from Gold Coaſt; the Mermaid, Saviers, ſailed from Jamaica about the 27th of November; Captain Thompſon of London was arrived at Angola; the Nightingale, Hoskins, would ſail in a Day or two after the Ogden; the Lancaſter would have ſailed in a few Days for Lancaſter, but Capt. Hornby was dead; the Ligania, Toll; the Fanny, Higginſon; the Beckford, Pain, would all ſail for London in a few Days, with a Man of War: The Marlborough, Gordon, would ſail in a few Days for Briſtol; the Arabella, Romball; the Hopewell, Warmiſham; the Cumberland, Johnſon; the Blundell, Green, from Africa, all of this Place, are arrived at Jamaica. Capt. Crowder ſaw a large Ship on Shore in the Gulph; but cannot tell who ſhe is. The Poſt Boy of Briſtol is arrived from Bonney at Jamaica.

Pool, Feb. 1. Juſt now came in here the Mary, of and for this Place, Seagar, from Cadiz.

Deal, Feb. 2. Wind N. E. All the Outward bound ſailed this Forenoon. Came down and ſailed the Mary, Newſon, for Bourdeaux. Arrived the Ann Snow, Holland, from Jamaica.

LONDON.

The Camberwell, Capt. Harper, is loſt near Malta, and the St. Antonio, Belitho, is alſo loſt near Sicily, both loaden with Corn for Cadiz from the Archipelago.

Letters from Carthagena in New Spain of the 9th of November laſt, N. S. by way of Jamaica, mention, that two Dutch Ships had been brought in their, one having 40 thouſand Pieces of Eight on board; and the other 6 thouſand; and that the Spaniards were in purſuit of ſome other Dutch Ships that were trading on that Coaſt.

We hear that William Morden, Eſq; ſtands Candidate for the Borough of Great Yarmouth, in the room of William Townſhend, Eſq; deceaſed.

William Aiſlabie, Eſq; one of the Auditors of the Impreſts, is rechoſen Member for the Borough of Rippon, in the County of York.

Lord William Manners is choſen for the Borough of Newark upon Trent, in the room of General Sutton, deceaſed.

Laſt Week the Rev. Samuel Whitmore, M. A. was inducted into the Rectory of Runnington in the County of Somerſet, being lately preſented thereto by the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor.

As was alſo the Rev. John Dubourdieu, M. A. Chaplain to the Biſhop of St. Aſaph, into the Rectory of Low Layton, in the County and Dioceſe of Briſtol.

The latter End of this Month his Majeſty's Ship the Boyne, is to be launch'd at Woolwich.

Laſt Thurſday died, very rich, in Great Marlborough-ſtreet, Joſeph Nazaro, Eſq;

Yeſterday Morning David Hill of Cheſerton in the County of Oxford, Eſq; was married at Queen's Square Chapel to Miſs Horner, only Daughter of William Horner of Red Lion-ſtreet, Eſq; deceaſed, a young Gentlewoman of a plentiful Eſtate.

Yeſterday John Cope, Eſq; Brigadier General of his Majeſty's Forces, took the Oaths and his Seat in the Houſe of Commons, as Member for the Borough of Orford in Suſſex.

A few Days ſince Thomas Carrol of Lady Holt in the County of Suſſex, was married to the Hon. Miſs Molineux, Daughter to the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Molineux, a young Lady of fine Accompliſhments, and a plentiful Fortune.

On Thurſday Night laſt Millicent Hoskins, Elizabeth, Holben, and Sarah Oakley, were committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, for aſſaulting George Read, a Journeyman Baker, in Holford's Alley in Drury-lane; and having pulled him into the ſaid Oakley's Houſe, a notorious Brothell, they ſhut to the Doors upon him, and demanded of him a Shilling apiece, threatening to cut his Throat, unleſs he complied, which he accordingly did; but they ſtill inſiſting upon more, and finding himſelf in great Danger, he made to the Yard, and jump'd over a Wall into one Mr. Haines Garden, by which Means he did, in all Probability, ſave his Life.

The ſame Day one Edward Haines was committed to Newgate by the ſame Gentleman, for feloniouſly ſtealing a Silver Spoon out of the Dwelling Houſe of Charles, Coker, Eſq; where he came under Pretence of fetching Aſhes, for ſome Paviours near at hand, tho' employ'd by none; a Trick lately uſed, in order to get into Gentlemens Kitchens, and take whatever they find in their Way.

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